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PRICE LIST OF STRAWBERRY PLANTS

GROWN AND FOR SALE BY

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U. S. Department of Agriculture

MY JULY REPORT must be omitted this season because it is impossible for me to make one. The crop was so badly injured by three hard frosts and a long term of hot dry weather, that no variety did its best. Some were almost a failure. This is a disappointment to me as I expected to report on many new varieties sent me on trial. I was also very anxious to see a number of noted foreign varieties that were in good condition to bear if the season had been favorable. Most of these were on low land where the frost was most severe. I had the Noble and Sensation on higher land, and they gave us very fine berries. In fact the largest berries we had this season were the Sensation. The brief descriptions in this list are not from observations taken this year. Where the description is quoted it is from the originator or introducer.

A NEW STRAWBERRY.

✓**WM. BELT.**—Six years ago the late Wm. Belt, of Williamsburg, O., sent this variety to me on trial, claiming it to be larger than the Bubach, twice as productive and of much better quality. I have purchased the entire stock and now offer it as a variety of great merit. It has been tested in many places and has never failed to my knowledge. I could furnish many testimonials had I room to print them. The plant is large and healthy, a luxuriant grower and very productive. It has a perfect blossom. The fruit is the largest I ever saw. On more than one occasion I have had twelve berries that made a quart. The first berry to ripen is apt to be cockscombed, but all the others are of regular conical form. It colors all over and is as red and glossy as any in cultivation. It is as firm as other berries, and among the best in quality.

"Berries large, conical, rather long, regular in outline; bright red, glossy; quality good; moderately firm. Plants vigorous, healthy and quite prolific. This is one of the most promising varieties ever tested at the station. In size and general appearance it compares favorably with the Marshall, but holds out better towards the end of the season, gives a greater number of large berries. It has been tested two seasons here and the Marshall only one, hence an opinion as to relative value here would be premature. The Marshall has pretty generally been accorded a high place and the probability is that the Wm. Belt will take about the same rank."—*Ohio Experiment Station, October, 1894.*

✓**SPARTA.**—Originated on the Thayer Fruit Farms at Sparta, Wis. "A seedling from Warfield, hardy, vigorous, large, perfect in blossom, early, has a large green calyx, adding to the beauty of the berry. Succeeds on clay or sand. Color, dark glossy red. Flesh firm and of excellent quality. A fertilizer for the Warfield that can be shipped with it."

✓**ENORMOUS.**—This was originated by B. O. Curtis, of Illinois, but I received it from J. G. Bubach, the originator of Bubach's No. 5, with the assurance that it is larger and more prolific than that variety. It does well here, and I am inclined to think it valuable. The plant is large and healthy, sending out a sufficient number of strong runners, and bearing fine fruit in abundance. It is pistillate, and less injured by frost than some alongside. Very highly recommended.

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✓ **ELEANOR.**—"One of the very earliest and largest, exceedingly productive, resembles the Wilson in form, vivid scarlet, with no white tips; flesh firm and very good. Plant large and of vigorous growth, with no sign of rust or other disease about it."

✓ **SUNNYSIDE.**—Originated in Massachusetts. Introduced last spring with the following description.

"1st.—It is the latest, ripens here in Massachusetts about July 1st. 2nd.—It is very vigorous and never rusts. 3d.—It is immensely productive. 4th.—It is a most excellent shipper. 5th.—It is by all odds the *handsomest* berry ever exhibited and would be selected among a hundred varieties as the most showy berry." "It was the most productive variety grown at the New York Experiment Station in 1893."

? ✓ **PREMIUM.**—"Originated in New Jersey from seed of the Jersey Queen, which it much resembles. It is a very large and exceedingly handsome berry, of uniform shape, bright crimson color with yellow seeds. It has no green tips. It has a pistillate blossom and is very late in blooming. It commences to ripen with the medium early varieties and continues about ten days after all others are gone. It is thought to be the most beautiful berry in the world."

? ✓ **FOUNTAIN.**—From central Ohio. "This is the largest and most beautiful strawberry that has ever been offered for sale. No plant can be a healthier or better grower. The fruit is produced in the greatest abundance."

✓ **HOLLAND.**—From Arkansas. "A rank, upright grower, of the Sharpless type of foliage, a strong plant maker, and wonderfully productive of extra large fruit. It **HOLDS ITS SIZE TO THE LAST PICKINGS; ALL ARE LARGE TO VERY LARGE.** Form round to oblong, **POSITIVELY NO COXCOMBED OR ILL-SHAPED FRUIT.** Ripens with Crescent. Color crimson and dark clear through. A good shipper. Blossom, pistillate."

✓ **GARDNER.**—"Found growing wild in Iowa, six years ago. The plant is very stocky and large, from 16 to 18 inches in height. It fruits very heavily. Very much larger than the Crescent, and about the same shape. It ripens very early, and holds its size well to the last picking. It sends out many runners. It has the wild strawberry flavor."

✓ **BRUNETTE.**—Originated by G. Cowing, of Indiana. This is the variety to raise when one wants the best quality. It has been well tested, and all who have tried it are unanimous in its praise. The plant is strong and healthy. It has a perfect blossom, and is a good bearer. Fruit large, roundish conical, regular in form, very dark crimson even to the center, and very good.

✓ **ANNIE LAURIE.**—This variety was greatly injured by the frosts, so that we had but little of it this season. The plant is large and stocky and perfectly healthy. Under favorable conditions it is a good bearer of most beautiful berries, of large size and very superior quality. Blossom, perfect.

✓ **STAPLES.**—A seedling of the Warfield, with a perfect blossom. The plant is healthy, makes many runners, and is a great bearer. The fruit is about the size of the Warfield, roundish, with a slight neck, *very dark red* and of good quality.

? ✓ **CHAMPION OF ENGLAND.**—I received this from a grower in New York, who claims that it was brought to this country by an English gardener who kept it to himself for years, as it is a great bearer and so fine that it sold readily at nearly double the price of other varieties. Seventy-four quarts have been grown on a single rod of ground. The plant is astonishingly vigorous. It has a perfect blossom and is quite early. The fruit is of immense size and has a bright polished surface. Fourteen selected specimens have made a quart.

I believe there is some mistake about this variety. Although I have been importing the best varieties from Europe for years, and have examined many of the leading English catalogues, I have never seen this mentioned.

✓ **BERLIN.**—Originated on a fruit farm at Berlin, Maryland. The proprietors

have shown their faith in it by planting it extensively for market. They offered it last spring without any extravagant claims, and at a modest price. I believe it to be just what they claim. The plant is a thrifty grower of the Bubach type, and produces dark red berries of enormous size, holding the fruit well up from the ground. It has a pistillate blossom, and is a prolific plant maker. Berries as large as Bubach, three days later, and as solid as the Wilson.

MARSHALL.—I have fruited this twice and am very much pleased with it. I know of no other early berry that is as large and fine looking. The plant is faultless. The blossom is perfect, and it is a good bearer. It is refreshing to see such large, healthy plants. The fruit is immense, of regular roundish form, dark glossy red, and of better quality than is often found in very large berries.

MARY.—Plant large, healthy and productive. Blossom pistillate and among the hardest. Fruit very large, of conical form, rarely misshapen, rather dark red and of good average quality. It was almost uninjured by the frost this season.

BRANDYWINE.—This is one of the most valuable ever sent out. It has not a single defect that I know of. The plant is a luxuriant grower, healthy and hardy, and very productive. Blossom perfect. Fruit very large, of good form, bright red all over, and of good quality. Season, medium to very late. It succeeds on any soil. Being the introducer, I have a very large stock and can make special prices on large numbers.

✓**COLUMBIAN.**—The plant is a strong grower, free from rust, and has a perfect blossom. Fruit remarkably large for an early berry. Color, bright scarlet.

HENRY WARD BEECHER.—A cross between the Champion and Sharpless, and said to possess the desirable qualities of both. Plant large and productive. Blossom, perfect. Fruit, large and fine. A reliable bearer under all circumstances.

✓**ISABELLA.**—Received from James Lippincott, Jr., of New Jersey, who says that it is a very large, firm berry, good color, and as productive as any of over thirty kinds he had in bearing last year. It is a splendid grower. "The best berry ever sent out, being large, early, firm, productive and healthy."—*Cleveland Nursery Co.*

✓**HAYES' PROLIFIC.**—Introduced last year by a reputable New Jersey firm as a frost proof variety. It originated in Chester Co., Pa. It is described as follows: "The fruit is large, of good shape, bright red, fine flavor, very firm and an excellent shipper. A great favorite for canning. Does not run small toward end of season as others do. Plant is a strong grower, and the foliage which is large and healthy, grows well above the blossoms, which serves as an additional protection from frost."

✓**IVANHOE.**—From southern Ohio. It has fruited with me for a number of years, and I consider it a very excellent early berry. It is one of the hardest of plants, has a perfect blossom, and is a good bearer. The fruit is of good size and shape, bright red and of excellent quality.

BELLE.—This has given us the largest berries, *late in the season*, of any variety. It is a good grower and bearer, with a perfect blossom that is not easily hurt by frost. Fruit very large, long, dark glossy red, and of good quality.

✓**BISEL.**—Originated by D. L. Bisel, of southern Illinois, in 1887. It is a seedling of the Wilson. That it is a good market berry there is no doubt. I have fruited it twice and can recommend it. The plant is vigorous and productive. Blossom, pistillate. It makes many runners, and seems well able to

hold its own in a dry time. It commences to ripen early and bears a long time. Fruit large, roundish, deep red and fine looking. Flesh, firm and good.

CRAWFORD.—With good culture this is one of the very best. The plant is a good grower and a great bearer. Blossom, perfect. Fruit, very large, conical, sometimes irregular on the surface, but never flat. Color, dark, glossy red. Flesh, quite firm and very good.

AROMA.—The companion of the Cyclone, and a very promising variety. The plant is all right. Blossom, perfect. Fruit, very large, of regular conical form, glossy red, late and excellent.

CYCLONE.—This is a healthy and vigorous grower, and a good bearer. It has a perfect blossom and is a good variety to plant with early pistillate sorts. Of good size, long, conical, bright red, necked, and of good flavor.

ORANGE COUNTY.—A pistillate variety, as early as the Crescent, fully as productive and very large. Plant very healthy and vigorous.

SPLENDID.—From Illinois. I have no scruples about recommending this as one of the reliable varieties. It produces a large crop of fine fruit, and is as well able to mature its berries as any we have. It is probably the deepest rooting plant I have. Blossom, perfect.

CUMBERLAND.—An old, well known favorite. It is a luxuriant grower, has a perfect blossom, and bears a good crop of very large berries. With a fair chance it produces no small fruit. Every berry is of perfect shape. Color, orange scarlet. Flesh moderately firm, and of good flavor.

✓ **GOV. HOARD.**—A very reliable variety, and good for either home use or market. A good grower and bearer. Blossom, perfect. Rather early, of large size, good form, dark red, and of excellent quality.

WARFIELD.—A well known market berry of real merit. Healthy, vigorous, productive, and very firm. Blossom pistillate. It makes many runners and will cover the ground too thickly if left to have its own way. Fruit, large, of good form, dark glossy red and always attractive in market. It is more readily hurt by dry weather than some sorts.

PRINCESS.—From Minnesota. Plant, healthy and vigorous. Very productive. Blossom pistillate. Fruit, very large, of regular form, light red color and good flavor.

GANDY.—A well known late variety. About the only fault it has is its not bearing heavily. The fruit is very large and beautiful, and, under some conditions, it is produced in abundance. Blossom, perfect.

BUBACH.—This is better known and more generally cultivated than any other very large variety. Plant large, healthy, vigorous and productive. Blossom pistillate. Fruit very large, roundish, light red, and moderately firm.

BEVERLY.—A seedling of Miner's Prolific, and a decided improvement on that variety. It has a perfect blossom, and the habits of the plant are excellent every way. Fruit large, roundish conical, dark glossy red and excellent in quality.

✓ **BARTON.**—This is noted for its healthy, vigorous growth, great productiveness and large size. Blossom, pistillate. Fruit usually of good form, bright red, and of average quality.

BEDER WOOD.—A favorite early variety. Plant vigorous and productive, but quite apt to rust. Blossom, perfect. Fruit, medium to large, light red, rather soft. I think it will be superseded by the Ivanhoe.

✓ **SMELTZER EARLY.**—“Very vigorous and healthy plants. Yielded an

abundance of very fine fruit. Similar to Smith's Early in habit of plants and fruit; begins to ripen its fruit early and continues in bearing a long time."—*Del. Experiment Station.*

TENNESSEE PROLIFIC.—For healthy, vigorous growth this is probably not surpassed. Blossom, perfect. It gave promise of a great crop, but it was cut off by the frost. No variety has a better reputation in Maryland and Virginia, where it is very extensively grown. It is rather early, of good size, bright red color and fine flavor. All agree that it is a great bearer.

RIO.—This was on low ground and nearly ruined by the frost. It is not so desirable here as the Ivanhoe.

FOREIGN VARIETIES.

✓ **MORERE.**—"This well known French variety is *par excellence*, the strawberry grown in France for market, forcing and general cultivation. The quality is excellent, the fruit highly colored, travels well, and the plant is hardy and vigorous.

✓ **SCARLET QUEEN.**—"The handsomest, brightest colored, richest flavored and best early strawberry yet introduced. A very early seedling from Noble, fertilized by King of the Earlies, and coming in between these two fine early sorts. Fruit large, well formed and of handsome conical shape. Color a bright vermillion scarlet, which is retained after picking and transit. Flesh firm, yet juicy, and of a rich, full, vinous, Queen-like flavor. Habit strong, with bold bright green and nearly smooth foliage. A very prolific and amply vigorous variety, and a splendid early table and market strawberry. Certificate of Merit Royal Horticultural Society Fruit Conference, July 8th, 1891."

✓ **AUGUSTE NICAISE.**—"The splendid large strawberry sent by the Earl of Pembroke to the late Emperor Frederick William in his days. An excellent variety both for growing in the open and probably the best of all for forcing. In addition to its enormous size, the fruit is very beautiful, firm flesh, and of good flavor. The plant, free and productive of regular sized fruits."

✓ **ALBERT.**—"One of the best late strawberries of recent continental introduction. Plant a good grower and bearer. Flavor excellent. I consider this strawberry an acquisition."

✓ **EMPRESS OF INDIA.**—"Plant of compact habit and free bearer. Fruit obtusely conical, bright scarlet, approaching in flavor that of British Queen, but ripens two or three weeks earlier, and coloring to the apex. It is an excellent free-setting variety and one of the best for forcing; its flesh is firm, a quality which renders it especially suitable for travelling when packed. First-class certificate from Royal Horticultural Society, May 17th, 1892, also at Edinburgh, Woolverhampton and Earl's Court Exhibition, 1892."

✓ **GUNTON PARK.**—"Plant very prolific; fruit extra large and one of the handsomest yet raised, in shape varying from cockscomb to obtusely conical, dark crimson scarlet, and of a pleasant brisk flavor; the flesh is firm, richly colored, becoming paler towards the centre. A fine early kind very useful for forcing and bearing in long succession. First-class certificate from Royal Horticultural Society, July 21st, 1892; also at Edinburgh, Woolverhampton and Earl's Court Exhibitions, 1892."

✓ **LORD SUFFIELD.**—"Plant of good habit and foliage, very prolific; fruit large and handsome, obtusely conical, inclining to cockscomb shape, dark crimson; flesh firm, pale in the center and richly flavored. A very distinct useful variety, ripening after *President* and Sir Joseph Paxton. First-class certificate from Royal Horticultural Society, July 21st, 1892; also at Edinburgh, Woolverhampton, and Earl's Court Exhibition, 1892."

✓ **SENSATION.**—"An enormous second early or mid-season variety of good flavor, and probably the largest strawberry ever introduced. Fruit of the *President* type but quite double in size, the color of the fruit and flesh being of a rich crimson. The foliage and stems very strong and the large fruits produced in wonderful clusters. Altogether a remarkable and very distinct strawberry, and appearances indicate that it will prove a useful forcing variety. The season is between Noble and *President*. First-class certificate Gardening and Forestry Exhibition, 10th May, 1893."

✓ **COMMANDER.**—"The most distinct and finest flavored strawberry yet introduced. Raised from **BRITISH QUEEN** crossed by **PRESIDENT**. The habit of the plant is remarkable, the strong, tall fruit stalks keeping erect until borne down by the weight of the fruit. The fruits are of a large size, very rich and vinous in flavor, ripening well at the points. Plant hardy and most prolific, and will grow and succeed well where "**BRITISH QUEEN**" fails. Forces well. I can highly recommend this strawberry both for forcing and open ground cultivation."

✓ **LAXTON'S No. 1.**—"The earliest of all strawberries. This precocious strawberry is a seedling from Noble, fertilized by May Queen, and is unquestionably the earliest in the market, preceeding May Queen, Black Prince, Crescent Seedling, King of the Earlies and Jno. Ruskin by several days, and is as early as it is possible to have any strawberry to ripen in this climate. The fruit is of good size, bright crimson scarlet, firm and of excellent quality, the plant hardy and very prolific. From its extreme earliness, this variety must prove of great value, where a few days gain is now of the utmost importance."

✓ **CARDINAL.**—"A very distinct new second variety with large and well-shaped broadly conical fruit of exquisite flavor, probably the sweetest strawberry yet raised. Flesh firm and creamy white in color, scarlet externally. Plant very vigorous and quite hardy. Very fertile and continuous in bearing. The leaf stalk hairy and foliage strong. A very useful fruit on account of its high quality combined with size and early maturity."

PRICE LIST.—PER DOZ.

Wm. Belt, \$3.

Sparta, \$1.50.

Enormous, Eleanor, Sunnyside, \$1.

Premium, Fountain, Holland, Gardner, Brunette, Annie Laurie, Staples, Champion of England, 60 cts.

Berlin, Marshall, Mary, Brandywine, Columbian, H. W. Beecher, Isabella, Hayes' Prolific, 40 cts.

Ivanhoe, Belle, Bisel, Crawford, Aroma, Cyclone, Orange County, Splendid, 30 cts.

Cumberland, Gov. Hoard, Warfield, Princess, Gandy, Bubach, Beverly, Barton, Beder Wood, Smeltzer Early, Tennessee Prolific, Rio, 25 cts.

FOREIGN VARIETIES.—Moree, Scarlet Queen, August Nicaise, Albert, Empress of India, Gunton Park, Lord Suffield, Sensation, Commander, Laxton's No. 1, Cardinal, 75 cts.

Noble, 50 cts.

At these prices plants will be furnished after August first. After Aug. 15, 100 of any variety will be sold for five times the price of a dozen. 50 at hundred rates.

I have no potted plants for sale, except of the Wm. Belt. Any other variety will be potted to order at 25 cents per dozen or \$1.00 per 100.

TULIP BULBS.

I have a large stock of tulip bulbs of my own growing, which I offer for sale at retail only. Last season I sold so many by the thousand that many retail orders could not be filled. This stock needs no recommendation to those who have grown it; but to others I will say it is the very best obtainable and very superior to that usually sold. It is made up of many varieties all mixed together. They are all "Late" or "Show" tulips, and will bloom in May in this latitude, after the "Early," "Parrot" and "Double" varieties are gone. They have either white or yellow ground and are beautifully marked with all

the colors common to the family. There are very few "selfs" (varieties of a single color) in the collection.

Owing to the dryness of the season, the bulbs are rather smaller than usual, and I will make the price low accordingly.

By Express, \$1. per 100. By Mail, \$1.50 per 100. Twenty-five at hundred rates.

DAFFODIL BULBS.

The Daffodil is one of the most charming flowers in the world and is becoming more popular each season. The bulbs should be planted in the fall, about four inches deep, and covered with some coarse litter or manure during the winter. They bloom early in the spring, and the latest sorts continue the season until June. They may also be forced in pots like hyacinths. The bulbs may be planted in the lawn under the turf or in groves, orchards or grassy banks where they may be left undisturbed, and they will bloom year after year without any attention.

There are some five hundred varieties grown in England, some of them worth twenty dollars per bulb, and some too scarce to be priced at all. Large areas are grown for the flowers for market, and we will yet come to it.

Emperor.—The largest and finest variety that is well known here. Trumpet and perianth yellow.

By mail, 25 cents each ; \$2.50 per dozen.

Empress.—Trumpet yellow; perianth white. A fine grower.

By mail, 25 cents each ; \$2.50 per dozen.

Horsfieldi.—Exactly like the Empress, but not quite so sturdy in growth, and has a different fragrance.

By mail, 15 cents each ; \$1.50 per dozen.

Princeps.—Sulphur trumpet and yellow perianth. A very charming variety. It remains in bloom a long time without withering.

By mail, 50 cents per dozen ; \$2.50 per hundred. By express, \$2 per hundred.

Trumpet Major.—An old well known and desirable variety. Both trumpet and perianth deep yellow.

By mail, \$2 per hundred ; by express, \$1.50 per hundred.

Poeticus Ornatus.—The best variety of the Poet's Narcissus.

\$1.00 per hundred by express ; \$1.50 per hundred by mail.

LILY BULBS.

The Pink Japan Lily.—A most desirable variety. It grows from three to six feet high, and bears a large number of very beautiful and fragrant flowers. Too well known to need describing. To be had in perfection it should be planted in very deep, rich soil, and covered six inches. Cover the bed with plenty of coarse stable manure early in the winter, and rake off the litter early in spring.

Bulbs ready at October first. No orders received after November first.

Large bulbs, \$1.50 per dozen. Smaller size, \$1.00. By mail, 15 cents per dozen higher.

GLADIOLUS BULBS.

I am growing about two millions of these, and the sun never shone on a better collection. Seedsmen and others who buy in large numbers are invited to come and see my stock in bloom, during August and September.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY,

Columbus, May 27, 1895.

MY DEAR SIR:

It has been proposed that the Horticultural Department of the Ohio State University judge samples of fruits, flowers and vegetables so that it might be known under what conditions the best specimens are grown, and *who* produces them. It has been decided to begin this work upon a small scale the present season, and we shall be glad to receive samples of strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, currants and gooseberries. These will be judged according to an accepted scale of points, including size, form, flavor, firmness, keeping qualities, etc. The samples will be judged as soon as received and careful records of each made. The records will be published from time to time in the papers.

The name of the grower, kind of soil, and method of cultivation should accompany each sample. We earnestly invite the co-operation of the amateur as well as professional small fruit grower of the State.

Address,

WILLIAM R. LAZENBY,

Columbus, O.

From the above it will be seen that any horticulturist within a few hundred miles of Columbus, can send specimens of his best products to Prof. Lazenby and receive due credit. He can send his fruits, flowers and vegetables just when they are at their best, and have them rated by the most competent and impartial committee in Ohio. It will be no surprise to me if some obscure men and women that we have never heard of, should prove by their works that they are more proficient than some of us who have been telling others how to do it. No entrance fee is required. Simply prepay the express charges on the specimens sent.